GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Human Settlements was held in December, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the countries participated in the said Conference;

(c) the details of the issues discussed therein alongwith the outcome of the Conference; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the decisions taken therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Conference was attended by Ministers from 18 countries and representatives from total 35 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

(c): The deliberations were held on the theme issue namely `vision for the Sustainable Urbanization in Asia-Pacific 2020` and four sub-theme issues namely:

(1) Pro-poor urban Governance and Planning
(2) Slum upgrading
(3) Delivery of Millenium Development Goals for Water and Sanitation
(4) Financing sustainable urbanization.

Apart from deliberations on the above issues, networking events were also organized on various topics as under:

1. Institutional financing for Housing
2. Investment in Urban Infrastructure
3. Concessions of the Urban Poor; Making cities Inclusive Slum in Asia
4. Water Poverty in Urban India
5. Emergence of Super Urbanisation; Challenge of Slum.
6. Women and Sanitation-Problem in Asia Pacific Countries.
7. Urban Synergies for Sustainable Development
8. Slum Rehabilitation Project of Chandigarh Administration-Best Practices adopted by Chandigarh Housing Board 9) Sustainable Steps Towards Slum Free City
9. Sustainable Steps Towards Slum Free City
10. Slum Upgradation and /or recycling of waste water
11. A timeline of Social Housing Success and Failure
12. Slum in Asian cities-`Role of Cooperatives for Improving Living Conditions`
13. Livelihood Support & Access to Credit for Employment Generation

As per Delhi Declaration, the outcome of the Conference is to set up of the following organs:
The Biennial Ministerial conference,
The Bureau, and
The Secretariat

(d): A bureau of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference has been set up by this Ministry to implement decisions taken in the Conference.